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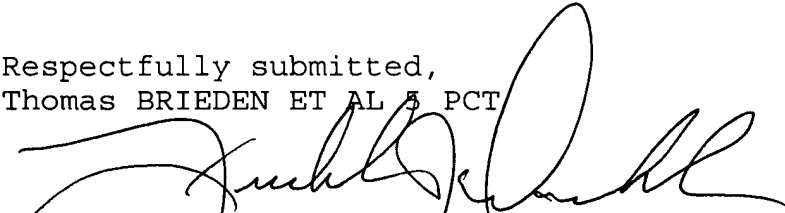
DE 199 51 085, discussed on page 1, in the second paragraph of the present application and DE 43 06 431 cited on page 2 in the 4th line are enclosed. U.S. Patent No. 6,706,181 is the English-language equivalent of DE 199 51 085, and U.S. Patent No. 5,603,829 is the English-language equivalent of DE 43 06 431. Copies of the four (4) references, WO 01 07141, DE 25 53 293, DE 198 09 919, and DE 195 38 883 cited in the German Priority Document are also enclosed. U.S. Patent No. 6,709,588 the English-language equivalent of WO 01 07141. U.S. Patent No. 4,094,791 is the English-language equivalent of DE 25 53293.

U.S. Patent No. 6,672,288, is the English-language equivalent of DE 198 09 919. An English-language Abstract of DE 195 38883 is also enclosed.

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